

**Remarks/Arguments**

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

**Claim Status**

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14 and 15 were previously presented. Claims 9 and 15 are canceled. Thus, claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14 are now pending.

**Allowed Claims**

The allowance of claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14 is noted and appreciated.

**Claim Rejections**

Claims 9 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Nakahara (US 6,611,354). In response, claims 9 and 15 are canceled.

**Conclusion**

This application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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